

PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

41-1816

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14 of the Constitution of Texas, I hereby veto House Bill 2119 for the following reasons:


Though the purpose of this bill, increased voter turnout in local elections, is commendable, it is clear that House Bill 2119 would have the unintended effect of postponing for five months certain city and school district elections presently scheduled for November of 1981. The potential confusion and disruption would be especially pronounced in the City of Houston and the Houston Independent School District, where the scheduled November elections are already held jointly.

In addition, House Bill 2119 presents a broader question of whether the State should seek to mandate the use of single date for local elections, rather than allow local governing bodies to select from among the four uniform election dates provided in the present law.

It is my belief that House Bill 2119 places unnecessary and burdensome restrictions on local governing bodies throughout the state. It would result not only in a loss of flexibility in local decision-making, but also in conflicts with existing charters and previously established terms of office and election dates.

I, therefore, veto House Bill 2119.

Respectfully,


William P. Clements, Jr.
Governor



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